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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 24.

Please replace claim 14 with the following amended claim:

C1 ~~14.~~ (Amended) The method of claim 9 in which the enzyme having amylosucrase enzymatic activity has a purity of at least 80%.

Please add the following new claims:

C2 ~~25.~~ The method of claim 14 in which the enzyme has a purity of at least 90%.

26. The method of claim 25 in which the enzyme has a purity of at least 95%.- -